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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**UTERINE MORCELLATOR**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
☒ Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/**continuation-in-part** application:

**Deleted** persons: Colin C.O. Goble and Alan N. Syrop

67 pages of specification and claims (including 43 numbered claims), and

16 sheets of accompanying drawing/s, including 23 figures.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
9715200.3	GB	18 July 1997
9726952.6	GB	19 December 1997
9814727.5	GB	7 July 1998
9900964.9	GB	15 January 1999
PCT/GB98/02094		15 July 1998

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☒ Four Certified Copies of foreign

applications were filed

in prior application no.

PCT/GB98/02094

filed

15 July 1998,

copies of which were filed in

prior application no.

09/462,927

filed

27 March 2000

☒ Another Certified Copy was filed on 30 May 2000 in prior application No. 09/484,225, filed 18 January 2000.

☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☒ This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☒ continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/437,431, filed May 14, 2003, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/462,927, filed March 27, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,565,560, which is the national phase of International Application PCT/GB98/02094, filed July 15, 1998, which designated the U.S., and a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 10/036,500, filed January 7, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 10/024,348, filed December 21, 2001, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/484,225, filed January 18, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,336,926, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in this application

☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

The prior application is assigned to

☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☐ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

☐ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/ r Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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